

## Hopewell's Teacher of the Year: Doug Morgan



My name is **Doug Morgan** and I teach Theatre Arts 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Hopewell Middle School. This will be my 9<sup>th</sup> year teaching on this campus. I went to Texas State University where I received my Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts. I went from being a Bobcat to a Hopewell Hornet. Theatre/Film has been my passion since I was a little kid though I never got involved in it until high school. It was my Theatre teacher at Westwood that gave me the experience that changed my life forever. Theatre gave me the greatest gift – self confidence and this is the reason I have chosen the path I am on. My job

as a Theatre Arts teacher is to use theatre to help young people realize their potential. Even more importantly, my job is to help them realize who they are and what they can become, to give them the confidence they need to be successful in life. Let's face it, if you can do theatre, I believe you can do anything. I have directed over 20 productions here at Hopewell and have participated in the RRISD One Act Festival for middle schools each year. The past two years I have been the coordinator of the One Act Festival for the district.

I have spent the past 3 years as the Department Chair for the Fine Arts department. I have been a mentor for new teachers, taught UIL Impromptu Speaking, attended Capturing Kids' Hearts training and have been a member of the Stinger Team for the past 3 years. The Stinger Team is part of the Positive Behavior Support program we implemented on our campus. With the help and hard work of our fabulous staff we have helped make Hopewell the best campus in Round Rock. And who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

In my spare time I enjoy writing plays, playing golf and softball, watching movies and spending as much time as possible with my beautiful wife Sunshine and my adorable 4 year old daughter Nevaeh.